



**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR ORIGINAL U.S. PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney's Docket No. **OCTVP001**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING TECHNIQUES FOR IMPROVING AUDIO CLARITY AND INTELLIGIBILITY** the specification of which,

(check one)

1. ☐ is attached hereto.
2. ☒ was filed on August 6, 2001 as
U.S. Application No. 09/927,578
and was amended on _____
3. ☐ was filed on _____ as
International PCT Application No. _____
and was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, CFR § 1.56.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

			Priority Benefits Claimed?
			Yes ___ No ___
_____ (Application No.)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Filing Date)	

Provisional Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>60/289,936</u> (Application No.)	<u>May 9, 2001</u> (Filing Date)
<u>60/293,684</u> (Application No.)	<u>May 25, 2001</u> (Filing Date)

Prior U.S. Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

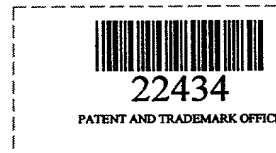
<u>09/669,069</u> (Application No.)	<u>September 22, 2000</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Status - patented, pending, abandoned)
_____ (Application No.)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status - patented, pending, abandoned)

Power of Attorney

And I hereby appoint the law firm of **Beyer Weaver & Thomas, LLP** and all practitioners who are associated with the Customer Number 022434 as my principal attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Direct Correspondence To:

Customer Number: 022434
BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP
P.O. Box 778
Berkeley, CA 94704-0778



Direct Telephone Calls To:

Joseph M. Villeneuve at telephone number (510) 843-6200

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Typewritten Full Name of

Sole or First Inventor: Leif Claesson **Citizenship:** Sweden

Inventor's signature: *Leif Claesson* **Date of Signature:** Oct 17 2001

Residence: (City) Berkeley **(State/Country)** California/U.S.

Post Office Address: 1335 McGee Avenue, Berkeley, California 94703

Second Inventor: Keith McMillen **Citizenship:** United States

Inventor's signature: *Keith McMillen* **Date of Signature:** Sept 20 2001

Residence: (City) Berkeley **(State/Country)** California/U.S.

Post Office Address: 970 Miller Avenue, Berkeley, California 94708

Third Inventor: Richard Hodges

Citizenship: United States

Inventor's signature: Richard Hodges

Date of Signature: 10-18-01

Residence: (City) Oakland

(State/Country) California/U.S.

Post Office Address: 650 Calmar Avenue, Oakland, California 94610

Fourth Inventor: Timothy J. Carroll

Citizenship: United States

Inventor's signature: Timothy J. Carroll

Date of Signature: SEPT. 24, 2001

Residence: (City) San Bruno

(State/Country) California/U.S.

Post Office Address: 4500 Susan Drive, San Bruno, California 94066

004470 045653